



NEWS RELEASE
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United States Attorney Deborah Gilg and the Lincoln Police Department, Lancaster County Sheriff's Department and Lancaster County Attorney's Office announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

The Honorable Richard G. Kopf, United States District Judge, sentenced Michael Lee Butler to 10 years in prison followed by five years of supervised release for Butler's involvement in crack cocaine trafficking in Nebraska. Between July of 2006 and April of 2009, Butler conspired with a number of other individuals in Lancaster County to distribute crack cocaine. The court ordered Butler to serve his federal sentence concurrently with a sentence imposed on him in Lancaster County District Court. That sentence arose out of crack sales to an undercover officer in the first part of 2009.

Name of Defendant: Michael Lee Butler

AKA: White Mike

Age: 42

City of residence: Lincoln, NE

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty):

Conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine
10 years to life in prison, not less than five years supervised release, up to \$4,000,000 fine

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Lincoln, Nebraska

Location of Arrest: Lincoln, Nebraska

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: over 50 grams

Others Charged in Same Scheme:

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: approximately July 1 of 2006 through April 1 of 2009

Federal Arrest Date: December 2, 2009

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: November 17, 2009

Initial Appearance Date: December 2, 2009

Plea or Trial and Date(s): pled April 6, 2010

Sentencing Date: October 19, 2010

Next Court Hearing Type and Date:

Assigned Magistrate Judge: Cheryl R. Zwart

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody:

In Continuous Custody Since:

Assigned District Court Judge: Richard G. Kopf

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